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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization in the amount of \$400.00 to cover: Petition fee;
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